Report of the 'Central Empowered Committee'

†114. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a condition to this effect is inserted in every agreement between S.E.C.L. and M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. that M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. would not sell, 'reject' or 'washed coal' in any circumstances;

(b) whether the Central Empowered Committee in its report have accused that M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. sells coal in the name of 'reject';

(c) if so, the action taken against the concerned officials of S.E.C.L.; and

(d) the time upto which this kind of sale in the name of 'reject' would be continued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Death of coal miners

115. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the death of fifty four coal miners in an accident in Bhatdih mine in Jharkhand whether the managements of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. who are responsible for a gross violation of safety rules have been punished;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) A Court of Enquiry has been cosntituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, *vide* notification No. S.O. 1756(E) dated 12-10-06 to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the accident occurred in Bhatdih Mine of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.